

Attachment 4.8(b)(3)

Cooperative Agreements with Private Non-profit Vocational Rehabilitation Service Providers

The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services (MDRS) develops a formal fee for service contract with private non-profit vocational rehabilitation service providers. The contract contains all necessary clauses and each contract is approved by the state's Assistant Attorney General assigned to MDRS. The contracts are executed by the MDRS Executive Director and the principal of the private non-profit vocational rehabilitation service provider.

MDRS has the following contracts (agreements) with private non-profit vocational rehabilitation service providers:

1. Warren County Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (dba MIDD-WEST Industries) - an agreement to provide work evaluation and job readiness training.
2. Goodwill Industries of South Mississippi - an agreement to provide work evaluation and job readiness training.
3. Goodwill Industries of Jackson - an agreement to provide work evaluation and job readiness training.
4. Mississippi Industries for the Blind (MIB) - an agreement to provide evaluation of client skill levels, work adjustment, and work experience.
5. Mississippi Industries for the Blind (MIB) - a summer program to provide clients with job seeking skills, assistance in preparation of job applications, provision of work experience/work adjustment training, and evaluation (with assistance of MDRS Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind staff) of client skill levels to identify marketable skills and potential outplacement.
6. The Arc of Mississippi – an agreement to provide discovery and customized employment services.

This attachment was developed after a review of the results of the Statewide Assessment of Rehabilitation Needs. Any pertinent findings from the Statewide Assessment were incorporated into this attachment. Additionally, members of the State Rehabilitation Council were involved in the development of this attachment.